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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ÁRAS AN CONTAE, TRALEE ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2015.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AN CHÉAD CRUINNÍÚ BLIANTIÚIL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN 22 MEITHEAMH, 2015.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. R Beasley
Cllr. J Brassil
Cllr. M Kennelly
Cllr. J Moloney
Cllr. D Nolan
Cllr. L Purtill**

Absent/As láthair Cllr. A Thornton

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. JD Flynn	Delegated Executive for the MD of Listowel
Mr. G O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 10.50am.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly welcomed all present to the first Annual Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel. He said it was a very challenging year for all the members due to the significant changes to local government structures by the provisions of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. While the abolition of the former Listowel Town Council is regrettable he acknowledged that the Municipal District of Listowel is in a better position to deliver services for the future. He thanked the members for their co-operation throughout the year and said that it had been a pleasure to work with them. He thanked Mr. JD Flynn and the staff of the Listowel Municipal District, in particular the outdoor staff who are the public face of the Local Authority.

He said that he had been afforded the opportunity to represent Listowel at several functions throughout the year. Being elected Cathaoirleach had been a great honour for his family and himself.

On behalf of the executive of Kerry County Council, Mr. JD Flynn thanked the Cathaoirleach for his excellent work during the past year and all the members of the Listowel Municipal District for their patience and co-operation.

Cllr. J Brassil commended Cllr. Kennelly on the manner in which he discharged his duties as Cathaoirleach during the past year. The members of the former Listowel Electoral Area and the Listowel Municipal District have always done their best for the people they represent and never allowed party political issues to impact on their working relationship and this was evident during Cllr. Kennelly's tenure as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. R Beasley on his own behalf and on behalf of Cllr. D Nolan congratulated Cllr. Kennelly on a very successful year and wished him the very best for the future.

Cllr. L Purtill congratulated Cllr. Kennelly on doing a magnificent job as Cathaoirleach and wished him well.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. J Moloney be elected as Cathaoirleach of the Listowel Municipal District. He said that Cllr. Moloney had been elected to Kerry County Council following the 2014 local election, having been a member of the former Listowel Town Council since 2009. He works extremely hard on behalf of the people of the Listowel Municipal District and would be an excellent candidate for the position of Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

The proposal was SECONDED by outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M Kennelly and unanimously agreed.

As no further proposal was received, Mr. G O'Brien deemed Cllr. J Moloney to be elected as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. J Moloney thanked his proposer and seconder. He said that he was honoured to be elected Cathaoirleach of the Listowel Municipal District and paid tribute to his predecessor Cllr. M Kennelly for his excellent work.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the recent tragedy in Berkeley, California when the collapse of an apartment balcony caused the deaths of six Irish students. One of the deceased has strong connections with Listowel as he was the grand-nephew of the late John B Keane. A student injured in the collapse, is the daughter of a native of Listowel, now living in Dublin. On behalf of the members he extended his sympathy to the families of the deceased and wished those injured a full and speedy recovery.

The Cathaoirleach said that he looked forward to the coming year and in particular to be associated with the celebrations to mark the Centenary of the 1916 Rising and the further development of the Wild Atlantic Way in North Kerry. He also looked forward to working towards the retention of the Public Service Obligation (PSO) Subvention for the Kerry-Dublin route which expires in 2017. The PSO is of huge

importance to the county for maintaining the vital link between Kerry and Dublin for business and tourism interests

Cllr. D Nolan on behalf of Cllr. R Beasley and herself congratulated Cllr. Moloney on being elected Cathaoirleach and said that she looked forward to Listowel being the tidiest Municipal District in the county.

Cllr. L Purtill congratulated Cllr. Moloney on being elected Cathaoirleach and wished him the very best for the coming year.

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr. M Kennelly PROPOSED that Cllr. J Brassil be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

The proposal was SECONDED by Cathaoirleach J Moloney and unanimously agreed.

As no further proposal was received, Mr. G O'Brien deemed Cllr. J Brassil to be elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

The meeting concluded at 10.10am.

Gerard O'Brien

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Meetings Administrator

Cllr. J Moloney
Cathaoirleach of Listowel
Municipal District